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SUBJECT: NETO EXTENDS OLIVE BRANCH TO MOBUTU

REF: KINSHASA 1744

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ON FEBRUARY 22 ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO SENT A VERY CONCILIATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU. IN ADDITION TO STATING THAT ANGOLA WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN ZAIRIAN AFFAIRS, AND THAT NO AGRESSION WOULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST ZAIRE FROM ANGOLA, NETO PROPOSED THAT ZAIRIAN AND ANGOLAN DELEGATIONS RESUME THEIR NORMALIZATION DISCUSSIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE ZAIRIAN MEDIA GAVE FULL PLAY TO THE NETO MESSAGE. END SUMMARY

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT NETO TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU WHICH WAS WIDELY PUBLICIZED IN ZAIRE FEB. WWAWEM

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DEAR BROTHER: RECENT NEWS PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS CAN DAMAGE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHICH WE DESIRE TO BE FRIENDLY. I TAKE THE GREATEST PLEASURE IN INFORMING YOU THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE. NO AGGRESSION WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE FROM THE PEOPLE'S

REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA; NOR WILL THERE BE ANY INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF YOUR COUNTRY OR ANY MISINTERPRETATION OF POSITIONS WHICH MIGHT ARISE AMONG SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I REAFFIRM THE DESIRE OF THE MPLA, THE LABOR PARTY, AND OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA RAPIDLY TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS UNDER DISCUSSION.

I REITERATE MY CONFIDENCE IN AN EARLY SOLUTION TO ALL OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS. I PROPOSE AN EARLY MEETING BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN CONTINUATION OF THE DISCUSSIONS RECENTLY HELD IN BRAZZAVILLE. CORDIAL AND FRATERNAL GREETINGS. END TEXT

3. COMMENT: THIS CONCILIATORY MESSAGE CONTRASTS MARKEDLY WITH TONE OF RECENT ANGOLAN PUBLIC STATEMENTS ALLEGING ZAIRIAN AGGRESSION. IN REPORTING THE MESSAGE, LOCAL PRESS (WITH EVIDENT SATISFACTION) HAS CHARACTERIZED IT AS LUANDA'S REACTION TO GOZ DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES (PARA 7, REFTTEL).
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